REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claim 24 was previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-10, 16-23 and 25-28 have been allowed. Claims 11-15 and 29-34 are cancelled without prejudice in this response. Therefore, claims 1-10, 16-23 and 25-28 remain pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of the cancelled claims and reserves the right to re-introduce them and claims of an equivalent scope in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The amendment was made to expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of the amended claims and reserves the right to re-introduce them and claims of an equivalent scope in a continuation application.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

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